



Thursday, 22 October 2020

To: Members of the Policy & Finance Committee (Councillors S Jones, A Dodwell, D Bowater, C Palmer, R Berry, T Morris, G Perham, D Scott, M Freeman, R Goodchild and S Owen)

(Copies to all Town Councillors for information)

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of **Policy & Finance Committee** to be held on **Thursday, 29 October 2020** commencing at **9.15 am, to be held remotely** via Microsoft Teams in accordance with The Local Authorities and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020. The meeting link is below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YjAxMWIxNDktODgzMy00YTc0LWI0OGEtZWUzOWZkYzNIYzA4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2243be2b38-f73a-4576-be88-53d30b9697ef%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225c24f997-2ebc-40a3-9343-b16681c77adf%22%7d

M Saccoccio
Town Clerk

**THIS MEETING MAY
BE RECORDED ***

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

i) Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.

(ii) Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by

the Council (see Dispensation Procedure).

3. EXPENDITURE FROM RESERVES (Pages 1 - 2)

To consider approving expenditure from reserves as set out below:

(a) Bus shelters

To consider the recommendation below made by the Planning and Transport Committee on 21 October 2020:

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee that a total of up to £12,000 be drawn down from Earmarked Reserve 920/9056 – Highway Schemes (£29,080) and a further £12,000 to be drawn down from General Reserves for the supply and installation of up to 4 number “Bay Standard Shelters with quarter end panels” to be used in West Street as occasioned by the TRO for the High Street; As Town Council assets, the shelters to remain located within the parish to ensure ongoing benefit to residents.

(b) Railings

To consider the recommendation below made by the Planning and Transport Committee on 21 October 2020:

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee that up to £2,000 be drawn down from Earmarked Reserve 920/9056 – Highways Schemes – for railings to surround the flower bed outside Taylors Estate Agents on North Street.

(this land is owned by Central Bedfordshire Council so will be subject to their consent)

(c) Laptop computers

To consider approval of expenditure in the amount of £1,258 from earmarked reserve 9060/920 (I.T./Mod.gov, £5000 available) for the purchase of two laptops for staff use, due to home working and distancing requirements arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

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